GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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FAKE COAL INDUSTRIES
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fake industries under his Ministry are illegally availing the benefits of the scheme launched by the Government to encourage the industries and are getting coal at a price less than the market price;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount swindled off by these industries and loss caused to the exchequer ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent such practices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Coal India Limitedsupply coal to both core and non-core sector consumers having valid linkage. Verification of non core sector consumers is being done for ascertaining the existence, working status and consumption of coal. Out of the total of 4798 linked consumers in non-core sector, a total of 3110 units have so far been verified. A total number of 224 units have been found non-existing/not operating and coal supplies to these consumers have been discontinued.

(c)&(d): Since coal is sold to linked consumers both in core and non-core sectors at the notified price, the question of any loss to the coal companies does not arise.